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TAGS: OVIP (GERALD R. FORD)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO POLAND

REF: WARSAW 4628

1. AT HIS REQUEST, POLISH AMB. TRAMPCZYNSKI CALLED ON COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT TO RAISE QUESTION OF PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO GDANSK, STATING THAT FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO APPROACH DEPARTMENT. TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID DEPARTMENT HAD NO DOUBT HEARD OF SIMILAR APPROACH TO DAVIES REPORTED REFTEL. SONNENFELDT RESPONDED THAT WE HAD RECEIVED A CABLE TO THAT EFFECT FROM AMBASSADOR DAVIES. IN REFERENCE TO GDANSK VISIT, IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD VISIT ACITY WHICH HAS CONNECTIONS FOR AMERICANS OF POLISH DESCENT. IF THIS IS A PROBLEM FOR THE POLISH GOVERNMENT THEN PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO MAKE ANY VISITS OUTSIDE WARSAW AT ALL. THAT MIGHT BE BEST IN THAT THE TIME IN POLAND IS VERY SHORT. TRAMPCZYNSKI ASKED IF THE GDANSK VISIT WAS THEREFORE IMPOSSIBLE FROM ALL POINTS OF VIEW. THE COUNSELOR

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ANSWERED THAT HE HAS DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE AT HIGH LEVEL

AND THAT IS OUR POSITION.

2. TRAMPCZYNSKI ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF DOCUMENTS TO BE ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH PRESIDENTIAL VISIT, STATING THAT

THEY WOULD PREFER A JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND A JOINT STATEMENT. THE COUNSELOR RESPONDED THAT THERE WOULD OF COURSE BE A JOINT COMMUNIQUE BUT THAT WE SEE NO PARTICULAR REASON TO SIGN A JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES SUCH AS THAT SIGNED DURING THE FIRST SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THE US. TRAMPCZYNSKI AGREED THAT ANOTHER STATEMENT OF THAT NATURE WOULD BE SUPERFLUOUS BUT SAID THAT PERHAPS IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO ISSUE A DOCUMENT SIMILAR TO THAT ISSUED AFTER THE GISCARD VISIT TO WARSAW. THE COUNSELOR STATED THAT THE GISCARD DOCUMENT WAS SIMILAR TO THE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES ALREADY ISSUED DURING THE GIEREK VISIT AND THAT OUR NORMAL PRACTICE IS TO ISSUE ONE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT COMPLETED OUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS QUESTION AND WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER TWO DIFFERENT DOCUMENTS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO WARSAW 4629, YOU WILL BE RECEIVING SHORTLY THE DEPARTMENT'S DRAFT OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

4. COUNSELOR STRESSED TO TRAMPCZYNSKI THAT THE PRESIDENT IS LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS VISIT TO POLAND AND TO HIS MEETING WITH FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK. WE ALL BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE A GREAT SUCCESS. KISSINGER

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